

# AMIGO Environmental Awards

## PURPOSE



The purpose of the AMIGO Environmental Awards is to recognize members who are industry leaders in implementing and supporting the goals of pollution prevention to reduce the amount and toxicity of hazardous wastes generated or toxic substances used in the border region and that demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship along the Arizona-Sonora border region.

The border region is defined as 100 kilometers on either side of the international boundary line between the U.S. and Mexico.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications are evaluated on the following criteria:

Environmental Benefits  
Employee and Community Involvement  
Management Support  
Economic Benefits  
Pollution Prevention Hierarchy



## PRESENTATION

The AMIGO Environmental Awards for 2003 will be presented during the fall plenary session of the Arizona-Mexico Commission and the Comisión Sonora-Arizona, scheduled for Nov. in Sonora.

*A binational Arizona/Sonora border program of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in coordination with counterpart agencies in Sonora and supported through grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.*

*The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality does not have jurisdictional authority for facilities located outside of Arizona. Pursuant to the binational nature of the AMIGO program, jurisdictional authorities in Mexico require prior approval of award recipients. It is the sole responsibility of the individual facility to ensure compliance with applicable environmental regulations.*

## ELIGIBILITY

All organizations or individuals participating in AMIGO are invited to apply for an award under one or both categories listed below. All industries are eligible regardless of size. Activities as described below must have occurred or initiated between Sept. 2001 and Sept. 2003.

## CATEGORIES

### PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

One award will be issued to a twin-plant or maquiladora member organization that has implemented pollution prevention in its manufacturing process(es) and is located within the defined border region.

### POLLUTION PREVENTION PROMOTION

One award will be issued to a member organization or individual for outstanding efforts to promote pollution prevention through education, direct assistance or other outreach activities within the defined border region.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Membership in the AMIGO program is required by Sept. 26, 2003 to be eligible. The award application deadline is Oct. 10, 2003.

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